

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1-4 (Canceled):

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~The contents processing device of claim 4, further comprising:~~ A contents processing device, comprising:

a home network interface for connection to a home network;

a protocol processing unit for executing protocol processing for communications with a server device through a telephone network;

a solicitation unit for soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and the telephone network, by using the home network interface;

an information processing unit for processing contents information obtained by the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface;

~~an additional~~ a telephone network interface for connection configured to connect to the telephone network; and

~~a judgment unit for judging~~ configured to judge whether the communications with the server device directly through the ~~additional~~ telephone network interface is possible or not;

wherein the solicitation unit solicits the set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network to the gateway device by using the home network interface and the protocol processing unit carries out the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface, when the judgment unit judged that the communications with the server device directly through the ~~additional~~ telephone network interface is not possible.

Claim 6 (Canceled):

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~The contents processing device of claim 6, wherein~~ A contents processing device, comprising:

a home network interface for connection to a home network;

a protocol processing unit for executing protocol processing for communications with a server device through a telephone network;

a solicitation unit for soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and the telephone network, by using the home network interface; and

an information processing unit for processing contents information obtained by the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface;

wherein the protocol processing unit carries out a prescribed procedure using the communications with the server device in order to obtain a permission to process a specific contents information, when a need to obtain a permission to process the specific contents information arises; and

the contents information processing unit reads out the specific contents information from a prescribed storage medium, and the protocol processing unit obtains an address information of the server device which is to be used in setting up connection to the server device, which is recorded along with the specific contents information in the prescribed storage medium.

Claim 8 (Original): The contents processing device of claim 7, wherein the protocol processing unit authenticates the address information using an authentication information for the address information which is also recorded in the prescribed storage medium, before obtaining the address information.

Claim 9 (Original): The contents processing device of claim 7, wherein the protocol processing unit obtains the address information by decrypting an encrypted address information which is recorded in the prescribed storage medium.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~The contents processing device of claim 6, wherein~~  
A contents processing device, comprising:

a home network interface for connection to a home network;

a protocol processing unit for executing protocol processing for communications with a server device through a telephone network;

a solicitation unit for soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and the telephone network, by using the home network interface; and

an information processing unit for processing contents information obtained by the communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network interface;

wherein the protocol processing unit carries out a prescribed procedure using the communications with the server device in order to obtain a permission to process a specific contents information, when a need to obtain a permission to process the specific contents information arises; and

the protocol processing unit executes the protocol processing by executing a communication protocol program which is recorded in the prescribed storage medium along with the specific contents information.

Claim 11 (Original): The contents processing device of claim 10, wherein the protocol processing unit executes the communication protocol program by decrypting an encrypted communication protocol program which is recorded in the prescribed storage medium.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): ~~The contents processing device of claim 6, wherein~~  
A contents processing device, comprising:

a home network interface for connection to a home network;  
a protocol processing unit for executing protocol processing for communications with  
a server device through a telephone network;  
a solicitation unit for soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the  
telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and  
the telephone network, by using the home network interface; and  
an information processing unit for processing contents information obtained by the  
communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network  
interface;  
wherein the protocol processing unit carries out a prescribed procedure using the  
communications with the server device in order to obtain a permission to process a specific  
contents information, when a need to obtain a permission to process the specific contents  
information arises; and

the protocol processing unit executes the protocol processing by executing one communication protocol program that is executable at the contents processing device among a plurality of communication protocol programs of identical function written in different programming languages which are recorded in the prescribed storage medium along with the specific contents information.

Claim 13 (Original): The contents processing device of claim 12, wherein the protocol processing unit executes said one communication protocol program by decrypting a corresponding one encrypted communication protocol program which is recorded in the prescribed storage medium.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): ~~The contents processing device of claim 4, wherein~~  
A contents processing device, comprising:

a home network processing unit for executing protocol processing for  
communications with a server device through a telephone network;

a solicitation unit for soliciting a set up of connection to the server device through the  
telephone network, to a gateway device which is connected with both the home network and  
the telephone network, by using the home network and the telephone network, by using the  
home network interface; and

an information processing unit for processing contents information obtained by the  
communications with the server device through the gateway device and the home network  
interface;

wherein the ~~contents~~ information processing unit utilizes contents information recorded in a prescribed storage medium when a replay condition recorded in the prescribed

storage medium is satisfied or when a permission regarding contents information utilization is obtained through a prescribed procedure.

Claim 15 (Original): The contents processing device of claim 14, further comprising:  
an extraction unit for extracting an address information of the server device to be communicated with in order to obtain the permission when the replay condition recorded in the prescribed storage medium is not satisfied;

wherein the solicitation unit solicits the set up of connection to the server device according to the address information extracted by the extraction unit, and the protocol processing unit carries out the prescribed procedure for obtaining the permission from the server device through the connection established by the gateway device in response to a solicitation by the solicitation unit.

Claim 16 (Original): The contents processing device of claim 15, wherein the protocol processing unit carries out the prescribed procedure by executing a communication protocol program which is recorded in the prescribed storage medium along with the contents information.

Claim 17-20 (Canceled).